

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1, as follows.

Listing of Claims

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A non-padded automotive interior trim assembly for an automobile, comprising:

a rigid substrate member forming at least part of a structural support of the trim assembly and including a least one target area for providing a soft feel to the trim assembly;

a plurality of apertures formed in said substrate member within said target area;
and

a flexible skin disposed directly contacting upon said substrate member, at least proximate said target area, said skin having a uniform thickness extending across said apertures in said target area.

2. (ORIGINAL) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said plurality of apertures are formed in a generally honeycomb pattern.

3. (ORIGINAL) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said plurality of apertures are formed through said substrate member.

4. (ORIGINAL) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said plurality of apertures are blind holes formed into said substrate member.

5. (ORIGINAL) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said plurality of apertures comprise slots formed through said substrate member.

6. (ORIGINAL) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said substrate member is formed from an injection moldable polymer.

7. (ORIGINAL) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said skin comprises vinyl.

8. (ORIGINAL) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein at least some of said apertures are at least partially filled with a material which forms said flexible skin.

9-12. (CANCELED)

13. (NEW) A non-padded automotive interior trim assembly for an automobile, comprising:

a rigid substrate member forming at least part of a structural support of the trim assembly and including a least one target area for providing a soft feel to the trim assembly;

a plurality of apertures formed in said substrate member within said target area;
and

a flexible skin directly contacting said substrate member, at least proximate said target area, said skin having an outer surface and being devoid of apertures between said substrate member and said outer surface.

14. (NEW) A non-padded automotive interior trim assembly for an automobile, comprising:

a rigid substrate member forming at least part of a structural support of the trim assembly, said substrate member having a first thickness and including a least one target area for providing a soft feel to the trim assembly;

a plurality of apertures formed in said substrate member within said target area;
and

a flexible skin directly contacting said substrate member at least proximate said target area, said skin having a second thickness less than said first thickness.